

***Check out what
past participants said
about the academy!***

"Thank you for giving me the chance to become a better speaker."

"If (FFA Members) are interested in public speaking, this would really help them."

"At this conference, I learned so many things, met so many new people, and had so much fun."

"The information that the professors gave us was wonderful."

"If you need help, this is a wonderful way to go!"

"It helps you so much with something that you will use for a lifetime!"

"I learned a lot in the very short time we were here, and I think this is something all public speakers should attend."

"It is fun and enlightening."

"It helped me get over my fear of speaking in front of people!"

Dana Hale, FFA Advisor from Cameron completed her thesis on the success of the 2002 FFA Public Speaking Academy. It showed students who participated in the academy were very successful at various speech competitions - 24 participants collectively placed in the top 4 at least 31 times in competition.

Registration

Registration forms must be received by June 1, 2005, and must be accompanied by the \$130 registration fee, which includes conference materials, lodging for two nights and six meals. No refunds will be made after June 1, although substitutions will be permitted.

**CONFERENCE IS LIMITED TO A
MAXIMUM OF 60 PARTICIPANTS**

Questions?

Registration forms are available at
[www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/
ag_ffa_applications_awards.htm](http://www.dese.mo.gov/divcareered/ag_ffa_applications_awards.htm)

For more information about the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy, or to receive a registration form via mail, please contact:

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Public Speaking Academy

*Don't miss out
on this opportunity!!*

**June 14, 15 & 16, 2005
Central Missouri State University
Warrensburg**

Conference Schedule

June 14, 15, & 16, 2005

Tuesday, June 14

12 Noon – 1 p.m.	Registration
1:15 – 6 p.m.	Sessions 1-4
6-7 p.m.	Dinner
7-8:30 p.m.	Session 5
8:30 – 10 p.m.	Recreation
10:30 p.m.	Reflections
11 p.m.	Lights Out

Wednesday, June 15

7-8 a.m.	Breakfast
8-11:50 a.m.	Sessions 6-8
11:50 a.m.-1 p.m.	Lunch
1-4 p.m.	Sessions 9-10
4-5:30 p.m.	Recreation
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 – 8:15 p.m.	Session 11
8:30 – 10 p.m.	Recreation
10:30 p.m.	Reflections
11 p.m.	Lights Out

Thursday, June 16

7- 8 a.m.	Breakfast
8-11 a.m.	Sessions 12-13
	Selection and
	Preliminary Rounds
11 a.m. – 12:45	Session 14
	Final Round
1 – 2:15 p.m.	Recognition banquet
2:30 p.m.	Check-out

Conference Highlights

Make technology work for you

Communicating in the 21st century means making the most of today's technology. Whether you enroll in the beginning, intermediate, or advanced track at the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy, you will have the chance to polish your speaking skills plus learn more about using communication technology.

Learn from top-quality instructors

Dr. Terry Cunconan and Dr. Wendy Geiger from Central Missouri State University's Department of Communication with assistance of selected graduate students in speech communication will lead the sessions. Dr. Terry Cunconan and Dr. Wendy Geiger presented many of the sessions at previous Academies. Their energetic lecture style will keep you listening and learning throughout the Academy.

Make the most of the skills you need to succeed

During the intensive, three-day program, you will learn the basic principles of speaking while focusing on FFA prepared public speaking contests.

The Academy is designed to help you increase your confidence, develop organizational skills, use language effectively, analyze audiences and learn how to improve your speaking skills by judging yourself honestly and critically — while keeping a positive attitude!

Choose the track that meets your needs

The Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy offers three tracks: beginning, intermediate, and advanced. Beginning students are those with little or no experience in public speaking. Intermediate students are those who have participated in a speaking event at local, area, district, county, or conference level and not advanced to a higher level. If you have placed at any state-level competition (FFA, MIC, Farm Bureau, etc.) with the exception of the FFA Creed Speaking Contest, or if you have finished in the top four at a previous Academy, then you must enroll in the advanced section.

Please note that you will participate in a speaking contest at the conclusion of the Academy. Separate contests will be held for the beginning, intermediate, and advanced participants. The top three at each level will be recognized at the banquet with a State FFA Leadership Medal.

If you wish to enroll in the beginning track, you must bring a speech topic and photocopies of at least three related sources. Those students enrolling in the intermediate level must bring a speech topic, photocopies of at least three related sources, and a speech outline. If participating in the advanced level, you must bring an outline to a speech and/or a prepared speech and photocopies of three supporting sources. The conference staff suggests that you bring a new speech, rather than one previously delivered, to gain the maximum benefit from the Academy.